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# SNOW FALL IN LONDON

London, Dec. 19. Snow fell in appreciable heaviness on London for the first time this winter today but there was little hope for a White Christmas. Snow began during the morning rush hour and still was falling at noon but there was little sign of it "laying" in mid-town except on rooftops. The Air Ministry Weather Bureau said it would turn later to rain and sleet. Snow broke Britain's first cold wave of the season, the thermometer stood in the mid-thirties and hourly readings were one to four degrees higher compared with similar readings yesterday. — United Press.

# Year's Best Film

New York, Dec. 19. Laurence Olivier's "Henry the Fifth" the British-made technical-colour film, was voted the year's best picture in the 21st annual poll conducted by the National Board of Review of Motion Pictures. "After the Italian-made "Open City" and Hollywood's "Best Years of Our Lives" came the British "Brief Encounter," Hollywood's "Walk in the Sun" and the French "It Happened at the Inn." Olivier's performance in Henry V was judged the year's best by an actor, while Anna Magnani's tragic portrayal in "Open City" won top feminine honour. — Associated Press.

# Men Went Crazy With Hunger On Board

Tokyo, Dec. 19. Evidence at the war crimes trial here today revealed that an atmosphere of horror was created in Japanese prison ships during the war, turning them into hell ships. Prisoners were often forced to run the gauntlet of the Japanese, who would beat them and kick them as they boarded the prison ships. Japanese hell ships usually lacked latrine facilities and men too weak to go on deck would excrete where they lay. The stink aboard the ships was beyond the realm of imagination, according to documents introduced by the prosecutor, Lt.-Col. T. F. Marrane of Australia. One prisoner, in his affidavit, summed up his impressions of the Japanese commanders during his experiences at their hands as "brutish, cruel, cynical, indifferent, unbelievably stupid and utterly incompetent." According to the evidence, during a voyage from the Philippines to Formosa, 1,468 out of a total of 1,687 captives died aboard a Japanese prison ship. Men went crazy with hunger, witness said. After 13 days aboard a vessel which was a former horse transport, American prisoners were so starved "we ate flies and some men even picked grain from the floor with horse manure," one affidavit said. On other ships, evidence revealed, men often lay miserably in their own excrement, watching their bodies raw as flies and bed bugs feasted upon them. — United Press.

**Lisbon Maru**  
The Japanese intended to drown 1,316 Hong Kong prisoners aboard the sinking, unmarked prison ship "Lisbon Maru" after the ship was torpedoed while en route from Hong Kong to Japan during the autumn of 1942, according to evidence at the war crimes trial today. After the ship was struck the Japanese battered down the hatches and shot prisoners as they broke through to the decks. The men madly leaped over the sides Japanese vessels standing by continued to fire on the prisoners in the water. Earlier

# REBEL MPs CABLE STATEMENT ON FOREIGN POLICY

## Working For Dispersal Of Mutual Suspicions

**ANOTHER U.S. HOTEL FIRE**  
Philadelphia, Dec. 19. Six negroes were burned to death and scores were injured when fire gutted a hotel here at midnight. Scores of guests jumped from the windows of the four-story structure before the arrival of firemen, who later rescued 100 persons. It is feared that many of the injured may die. Since the beginning of this month more than 150 people have lost their lives in serious fires in the United States. — Reuter.

# Protest To P.I.

Manila, Dec. 19. The Chinese Government today formally protested to the Philippines new law giving preference to Filipinos in leasing city-market stalls. Minister Chen Chih ping told President Manuel A. Roxas that the law was discriminatory as the Chinese are the only aliens at present holding stalls. The law, which goes into effect Jan. 1, affects 1,045 Chinese. The Minister said the Chinese had not been given sufficient time to liquidate. The Manila Bulletin reported it was unlikely that the Philippines would change its mind. The paper quoted a Finance Department official as saying the Chinese leases were originally due to expire in December, 1941 but the Osmeña administration, at the request of China extended the expiration date one year. — Associated Press.

# Soldiers Riot In Shanghai

Shanghai, Dec. 19. At least six Chinese Air Force soldiers and a policeman were injured in a clash in downtown Shanghai that lasted three hours last night in which several shots were fired. The incident started when a police officer tried to interfere in street fighting between soldiers and civilians but was beaten. However, police reinforcements arrived and were taking the soldiers to the station when two truckloads of air force men captured two policemen intending to take them back to their barracks. More policemen rushed to the scene and rescued the captured policemen. Thirty-five soldiers were taken to the police station. High officers later arrived and reached a compromise in which the arrested soldiers were turned over to the Air Force Command. — United Press.

# Report On War Crimes Trials

London, Dec. 19. Headquarters for the United Nations War Crimes Commission announced on Thursday that 24,365 prisoners have been tried for war crimes in British, United-Norwegian, Czechoslovakian and Polish courts. The figures for Poland and Czechoslovakia also included trials of persons charged with collaboration and treachery. Death sentences were returned against 1,432; prison terms were levied against 16,418 and 820 were acquitted. In the Far East, the Commission reported 1,468 persons have been tried before United States, United Kingdom and Australian courts with 457 death sentences, 738 prison sentences and 376 acquittals. The Commission said no reports were available on trials

# Bevin To Defend His Attitude

New York, Dec. 18. A cabled statement on foreign policy by 16 rebel British back bench Labour Members of Parliament was published today in "New Republic," the New York Left Wing weekly edited by Henry Wallace since he resigned as Secretary of Commerce after differences with President Truman on foreign policy. One of the signatories was R.H.S. Crossman, leader of the "rebel" movement in the recent House of Commons debate on the reply to the King's speech.

The statement said: "We work for the dispersal of those mutual suspicions which divide the great powers and which make effective international co-operation impossible. We feel the Soviet will join with us and with yourself, in hoping that the great genius of the American people and the immense resources of the United States will be used with those of the other countries to promote planned distribution of the world's goods for the relief of famine and distress. The alternative to this policy is annihilation."

In an editorial comment on the statement, Wallace wrote: "It may well prove that one of the most important purposes of the back benchers' in Parliament is to mediate between the Government and the United States and Russia. These back benchers are not Communists."

# British Moves In Spain

London, Dec. 19. An authoritative Government source said today that members of the British diplomatic mission to Spain had been "examining the possibility" of whether a coalition Government could be established in Spain to replace the Franco regime and carry on until elections could be held. The source said that the examination included talks with representative groups of Spaniards ranging from "Right Wing Centralists" to "Left Wing Centralists." He said that it would not surprise him if the United States were examining the situation in Spain in the same way. The informant did not discuss the method by which an end to the Franco regime might be accomplished should Britain be satisfied a stable interim Government could be set up within Spain. He said that the British examination had included the possibility of obtaining support for a new Spanish Government from the army, which he said, did not appear to be solidly behind Franco. — Associated Press.

# Recession Warning To Truman

Washington, Dec. 18. President Truman has been warned by his Council of Economic Advisers that a "recession" in employment and production next year is quite possible. He was assured, however, that only an international crisis or persistent strikes would be likely to precipitate a serious and prolonged depression.

# Truman Won't Tell

Washington, Dec. 19. President Truman declined to discuss the matter when asked whether he would accept a Democratic Presidential nomination in 1948. The question was put at a news conference by a reporter who observed that Harold Stassen had announced his candidacy for Republican Presidential nomination. Meanwhile, in Albany, New York, Governor Thomas Dewey replied "certainly not" when asked if he were ready to announce candidacy for Republican nomination for President in 1948. "Certainly not ready?" asked the reporter. "Certainly not," said the New York Governor. — Associated Press.

# BODYGUARD ARRESTED

Paris, Dec. 18. M. Andre Jegout, bodyguard to Mr. Robert Schuman, who gave up his post as Minister of Finance yesterday, has been arrested on a charge of staging an armed robbery in one of the offices of the Ministry. It is alleged that he and an accomplice, entrusted to the Ministry on antique dealer, who had reported a burglary and accused him of faking the report. Jegout is alleged to have drawn a revolver and demanded two million francs "lash money." — Reuter.

# Red Planes In England

London, Dec. 18. Five Red Army Dakotas are now waiting to pick up M. V. Molotov and the rest of the Soviet delegation to the New York meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers, who are due at Southampton in the Queen Elizabeth tomorrow night. The planes are at an airport four miles from Southampton. It is assumed that M. Molotov will disembark from the liner early on Friday morning and will fly on almost immediately. The facilities provided by British authorities include lodging for the crews of the Dakotas and fuel for their aircraft. — Reuter.

# Strachey Explains Bacon Cut

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# Coastal Shipping Statement

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# "Haunted" Ship At Plymouth

Plymouth, Dec. 18. Mysteriousappings from four Spaniards subsequently found in an exhausted condition in one of the watertight compartments of the Royal Navy sloop Aberdeen caused the vessel to be resorted to the authorities as a "haunted ship."

Twenty-four hours after her arrival here on Monday in tow from Cerunna, tappings were heard by the occupants of a small craft, passing near the Aberdeen berthed at a buoy with no crew aboard. On investigations being made the Spaniards were found by a naval party. The Spaniards, after being fed by Navy men were taken to Plymouth police headquarters, pending investigations by immigration officers. Although in a famished condition the Spaniards recovered after having been batted down for six days, and experienced the vagaries of the Bay of Biscay. — Reuter.

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# Nationalisation Bill Gets Second Reading

London, Dec. 18. The British Government's bill to nationalise inland transport, which Mr. Anthony Eden, for the Opposition, described as "a national disaster," was agreed to in principle by the House of Commons tonight when it was given a second reading. An Opposition amendment to reject the bill was defeated by 362 votes to 204. The bill will now go to the Standing Committee, made up of about 50 members of all parties, to be debated point by point. Mr. Eden said the bill was an "ill-conceived, ill-considered and ill-timed" proposal. If the Government were really determined to nationalise the railways, let them do it in a bill which had not been riddled by every critic and person not an ardent Government supporter. Amid loud and prolonged opposition cheers, Mr. Eden said: "It is my utter conviction that this bill as drafted, if carried into law, will be nothing less than a major national disaster."

# Colonial Office On Brooke

London, Dec. 18. There could be no doubt that the object of Mr. Anthony Brooke's visit to Sarawak was restoration of the White Rajah, the spokesman of the Colonial Office told Reuter tonight. "His activity can only lead to confusion of the inhabitants and their distraction from the vital task of rehabilitation of the country." The spokesman added: "Mr. Anthony Brooke's intention is quite clear from his frequent public utterances. It is to secure a reversal of thecession and an end to His Majesty's authority in Sarawak and restoration of the Brooke regime, with his father, Captain Bertram Brooke, as the White Rajah. To that end he has not hesitated to attempt subversion of the existing authority."

Meanwhile, an explanation of the order forbidding Mr. Brooke from entering Sarawak is being sought by his legal advisers in London. A statement by his legal advisers says that Mr. Brooke flew to New York on Dec. 6 and then went to Manila via San Francisco. When he arrived at Manila yesterday, he was told by the British Legation that an order forbidding his entry had been made last Friday, presumably by the Governor of Sarawak. No reason was given and no suggestion is made that Anthony Brooke has ever conducted himself otherwise than as a loyal British subject, peacefully pursuing his legal right. — Reuter.

# Outlook Is "Dim"

London, Dec. 18. Britain, having passed from the wettest summer in 40 years into an early, bitterly cold winter, has been caught in one of the worst food shortages in its history, exceeding in some aspects the pinches of the worst war years when German submarines sank inbound food ships almost unchallenged. The worst shortage of bread and the American promise of 84,000 tons of grain and 36,000 tons of flour in January leaves the island with 16,000 tons less than Government's estimated needs for the month. The bread situation is uncertain and the ration, which was introduced this year though unnecessary during the war, may be cut nine per cent. — United Press.

# THE WEATHER

An intense anticyclone covers China and extends eastward over Japan. Pressure remains low NE of Japan and in the equatorial regions. Today's Forecast: Moderate winds from an easterly quarter; continuing dull with some scattered drizzle about the hills. Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 10 deg. F; Minimum: 39 deg. F; Max. Rel. Humidity: 84%; Sunshine: 04 hour; Rainfall: 0.05 inch.

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# RECAPTURED POWs SHOULD HAVE HAD A TRIAL

Matsuda Kichi, formerly an interpreter at POW Headquarters, Forfar Street, testified at yesterday's war crimes trial of Colonel Tokunaga and four other POW camp officers, that while he was at the POW Information Bureau, Tokyo, a Lieut. Hara was told to tell Tokunaga that a POW who had escaped and was recaptured, should be given a trial, not shot.

Henry K. Y. Suen, manager and director of the New Asia Chemical Works (Hong Kong) Ltd., said that at the outbreak of hostilities in 1941, his Company was engaged in the manufacture of medicines and drugs in Kowloon. They were also importing large quantities of medicines and drugs from Shanghai.

Mr. Suen produced a list showing stocks of anti-diphtheria serum, anti-dysentery serum, tablets, pills and vitamins belonging to his Company which were stored in different godowns, in December 1941. At today's market, value, the goods were worth approximately \$2,000,000 Hong Kong currency. The stocks in godowns were taken over by the Japanese and he did not know what became of them. He was still in possession of the godown warrants and delivery orders.

Mr. Suen said that the stocks of medicine and drugs enumerated would have been sufficient to supply the local trade for one or two years.

The next witness to be called was Tong Mut, who said she was employed as a servant by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, Police Magistrate.

She could speak Chinese and Japanese and had lived a year in Japan. She learnt to speak Japanese while working for the Japanese firm of Suzuki.

After the Japanese occupation of Hong Kong, she became a hawker, but later obtained employment at the Bowen Road Hospital. She was employed in the Japanese officers' mess. Saito was the Japanese medical officer.

### They Looked Sad

POWs suffered from cold because they did not have sufficient clothing. When they saw them, they were very thin and weak. They also looked sad. There were about 400 POWs in the hospital and half of them were inadequately clothed.

A former medical N.C.O. at Bowen Road Hospital, Seino, testified that there was a robbery towards the end of 1943. Archibald and Murray, as well as two other medical orderlies were interrogated. The investigation was conducted by Saito, Niimori, Watanabe and Sgt. Ito. Seino said that he was in the room adjoining that in which the interrogation was taking place. The interrogation began at about 6 p.m. and lasted until midnight. He heard the noise of suspects being beaten several times.

When they came out of the interrogation room the suspects had bruises on their faces and backs. After their interrogation, the suspects were confined to the cells in the guard room. The next day they were transferred to the Shamshui Po Camp.

Cross-examined, Seino said that he could not see what was going on in the interrogation room.

Replying to the President, Seino said that Saito came to the Bowen Road Hospital once or twice a week and stayed for the night. There was a telephone at the hospital and it was possible to get in touch with Saito in case of urgency.

A Victim, formerly of Naranha & Co., Government Printers, but at present employed by the Macao Radio Club, said that he could speak Japanese as he had previously been in Kobe. He was employed with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation there from 1906 till 1918.

During the Japanese occupation of Hong Kong, he acted as a salesman and lived at No. 3 Nanking Street, 3rd floor, Kowloon.

At about 7 p.m. on an evening in August 1942, the Japanese came to his house with a summons to appear at the Kowloon Gendarmarie the next morning at 10 o'clock.

At the time appointed, he attended at the Gendarmarie. After waiting in a small room for about half an hour, four prisoners were brought in, accompanied by a Japanese judge. Victim said that he was asked to interpret to the prisoners, who were asked for details as to their names, country and other particulars. The prisoners said that they were from Canada.

Victim said that he remembered the names of two of the men. One was called Payne and the other Berzanski. Payne was a young man with golden hair. His clothes were torn and he was wounded.

Matsuda Kichi, formerly employed as an interpreter at POW Headquarters, Forfar Street, Kowloon, said that Tokunaga was in charge of all POW Camps and was responsible for the administration of the POW and internment camps.

The Quartermaster's Department was responsible for payments to the camp staff and POWs, as well as looking after rations and Red Cross parcels. Tanaka was in charge of the Intelligence Department, but later became Adjutant. He was subsequently placed in charge of the Argyle Street Camp.

Saito was responsible for the health of all POWs.

About August 1942, two POWs escaped from Shamshui Po and four Canadians escaped from North Point Camp on a stormy night. The same day, or the next day, they were recaptured and brought to Forfar Street.

Matsuda said that he saw the Canadians coming down the stairs escorted by two sentries with fixed bayonets. Matsuda knew they were Canadians because one or two of them had

the word "Canada" on his shoulder badge.

After he had returned to his office, Niimori came in and told him that the four would be shot. One of the Canadians had a brother at North Point. When he saw them, they looked haggard and tired and it seemed as if they had been beaten up and tortured.

### Shot

Matsuda said that a half monthly circular which "came round later, announced that the Canadians had been shot. This was an open secret, as all knew that the four Canadians had been shot at King's Park.

Towards the end of 1942, POWs digging a tunnel under Jubilee Building in an attempt to escape were caught. Seven POWs were handed over to the Gendarmarie and a circular passed round stating that four of the seven POWs had been shot.

In Sept. 1943, Matsuda said that he proceeded to Kobe with a draft. At Tokyo, he went to the POW Information Bureau with Lieut. Hara. The latter was told by Major Yamauchi to tell Tokunaga that when a POW who had escaped had been recaptured, the POW should not be shot, but that a trial should be held.

Hearing was then adjourned till 10 a.m. today.

## SMALLPOX DECREASE

There was a slight decrease in the smallpox epidemic in the week ending Dec. 14. During this period 159 new cases were reported, while 92 cases were fatal. This compares with 187 cases (108 deaths) in the previous week.

## HE REFUSED TO STOP

A fine of \$30 or 14 days in default was imposed by Comdr. Ryder in the Marine Court yesterday on a seaman who refused to stop when called upon by the Police.

S. I. Brown of the Water Police, said while on patrol off Hols Wharf he saw several sampans apparently engaged in pilfering UNRRA rice and beans discharged from the "Gertrude Maersk".

The sampan shoved off, and one of them was observed to dump something over its side. Defendant, through his failure to stop when ordered to do so, wasted the time of the Police and other boats got away among the maze of other junks and crafts.

A Chinese merchant, Tan Lee, of Room 415, Kowloon Hotel, was fined \$100 for bringing into the Colony at Kai Tak Airport without an import licence a dozen negative films. Revenue Officer Millington said he would not press for confiscation.

## Readers' Letters

### Goodwill Towards All

"Sir, May I heartily endorse the sentiments expressed in the columns of your paper today by 'Lower Deck.' I have been in Hong Kong for some considerable time now and the attitude of the average British resident here to the Servicemen has struck me as being totally unlike the British hospitality which I know exists.

Being myself a non-socialite by the fact that I am neither a civilian nor a commissioned officer in the Services I have had ample opportunity to study these people, who consider themselves shining examples of British gentlemen and gentlemen, from a purely objective angle.

I have seen them in Hotels and Restaurants, at cricket matches and dances, even at private parties and in most of the places where these people congregate and I must humbly beg your readers not to form the impression that we of Britain are all of the same calibre.

The ordinary serving man here is not here of his own accord but is here because he has a task to perform, namely the consolidation of this Colony. In fulfilling his mission he, unfortunately, has to stay for some considerable period of time. I can say that I have met a fair proportion of all three Services during my stay here and never once have I met one man who has been invited to visit any British family or resident here. Is it then that our being Servicemen makes us social outcasts? Perhaps so, I don't know.

But one thing I do know and that is we are drawing near to the celebration of the birth of Christ, a time when one expects to see goodwill toward men and the extension of the hand of friendship. I'm afraid, however, that as far as our friends the British residents are concerned, this is not their philosophy, as I do not know personally of one of the people who helped to stabilise their Colony for them being asked to share their festivities with them during the festive season.

In concluding, may I say that my heart is glad that soon I am returning to the land I love, where Britishers are Britishers and not the hypocritical type of human being we find here.

JUST ANOTHER SERVICEMAN.

### Latent Talent

"Sir—It is my candid opinion that there is a wealth of latent talent in Hong Kong that only needs to be exploited for the Colony to blossom forth as a threat with which Hollywood will soon have to reckon.

Comedians abound in almost every party though their originality is often somewhat questionable—with impersonators running them a close second and qualifying, also, for the rider.

The ballet dancers, however, are going to be the things of Hong Kong's future and there seems every indication that the Colony's export trade may get a filip from them.

The one difficulty—as far as I can see—will be to provide the necessary incentive for our up and coming to work up their enthusiasm. After all, we cannot keep putting on

cabarets to provide them with the diversionary competition which, if Friday evening's cabaret at Gripps can be used as a yard-stick, is all that is needed.

The integrity—a word-choice perhaps more appropriate than it would seem at first sight—of the artistes in "Salute the Show" hardly enters into the question. Even if they had been Gigli himself, accompanied by Rachmaninoff and with the Boston Philharmonic and perhaps Harry James thrown in for good measure, I doubt if they would have received any attention or if they would have been given any more chance to prove their mettle than our C.S.E. friends did.

Perhaps the next time—though I shudder at the thought—"Salute the Show" will visit Gripps to give their many "contemporaries" in Friday's audience a chance to show just exactly how good they are; somehow I cannot quite picture the gentleman balletomane of Friday, or Hong Kong's Own Bob Hope, or the Local Ronald Frank, or any of the others who seemed so anxious to join in the spirit of things during Friday's performance, being quite anxious if there was nobody to heckle—or for that matter if a really active Amateur Theatrical Company was formed!

DREARY LANE.

### "Snobbish"

"Sir,—In reply to 'Unsympathetic's letter, which I consider to be one of the most snobbish published on the subject of servicemen.

The remark "the best types of servicemen" implies that those remaining are nothing better than a useless crowd of being dressed in uniform, and the implication that they are mostly civilian-reserved occupationalists is entirely unfounded. They happened to enter into the world too late, and had they been born earlier, they would no doubt have acquitted themselves in action as did their predecessors—"the original and best types." It is also entirely unfounded that this younger generation are unpopular with in the service itself.

Some weeks ago you published a letter saying that the colony had no further use for servicemen. As if in challenge, the Yuletide riots broke out the next day, and there have been several other disturbances where troops have proved invaluable. It is, however, through a choice of our own that we remain here and so it is obvious we must have billets—of should we be expected to sleep in tents?

The main fault with most letters from civilians is that the authors are too much inclined to generalise, being biased by one of two isolated incidents.

A "YOUNGER" SERVICEMAN.

### TRUMAN QUERY

Washington, Dec. 18. President Truman today had no comment at a news conference in answer to a query whether he would accept the 1948 Democratic nomination for reelection. United Press.

## Got VC For Fight Against Convoy

The action off Singapore for which Lt. Thomas Wilkinson R.N.R. in command of the former Jardine ship "Li Wo," was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross on Tuesday, was one of the most heroic of the war.

The "Li Wo," which had been converted into a patrol vessel, was sunk in the Banka Straits after going into action against a well-protected Japanese convoy.

On sighting the convoy she closed in and concentrated her fire on a large transport, setting it ablaze before expending all her ammunition.

To complete the destruction of the transport, the "Li Wo," although almost blown to pieces by enemy cruisers and destroyers, rammed her victim.

Lt. Wilkinson then gave orders to abandon ship. He refused to leave and went down with his ship.

Many of the ship's complement were killed in the heroic episode, one of many which took place when the "armed" British merchant ships left Singapore singly to meet unannounced units of the Japanese navy blocking the route to Java.

Another former Jardine ship in a similar action, was the "Siang Wo," which was beached in badly damaged condition on Banka Island.

## HKVDC ORDERS

Orders by Lt-Colonel E. J. H. Mitchell, O.B.E., E.D., Commanding HKV.D.C., Order No. 20 of 10th December, 1946.

1. Demobilisation. Leave Entitlement for Volunteers who escaped, or were released from, P.O.W. Camps.

Paragraph 1 of Corps Order No. 53 dated 11th October, 1946 is amended to read as follows:— It has now been ruled that all Volunteers who were taken prisoner by the Enemy at the conclusion of hostilities in Hong Kong and who later made their escape from P.O.W. Camps or were released therefrom shall, for purposes of demobilisation, be given 48 days P.O.W. Leave w.e.f. date of their escape or release from P.O.W. Camps plus 60 days Terminal Leave. All such Volunteers will, therefore, be considered as having been demobilised 28 days after their escape or release. In addition ration allowance will be payable for the entire period of 48 days less the number of days during which rations were drawn by the immediate post-occupation period.

Volunteers affected will be notified as soon as possible as to when payment will be made and in the meantime are requested not to make individual applications for such payments.

2. Holidays. HKV.D.C. Headquarters, Lower Albert Road, will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, 25th and 26th December, 1946.

## TO BE WED

The forthcoming weddings are announced of Capt. Geoffrey Anthony Lingard, R.A.S.C., and Miss Lisbeth Suzanne Davis, C/Ensign (P.A.N.T.), residing at No. 291, Prince Edward Road; and of Cpl. Frederick Fogarty, R.A.S.C., stationed at the Argyle Street No. 2 Camp, and Miss Lena Lowe, of No. 21, Cameron Road.

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A total sentence of 11 months' hard labour was imposed on a well-dressed Chinese, Ho Sing, 23, by Mr. E. H. Sainsbury at the Central Magistracy yesterday, for loitering at the second floor of the Hong Kong Hotel at 3.30 a.m. on Tuesday.

Defendant was also responsible for the theft of a gold wrist watch from room No. 303, Hong Kong Bank Building, on August 5, and the theft of a camera belonging to Sub-Lieut. P. J. Bell and a wallet containing \$100 from S/Lieut. D. J. Ould at room No. 22, Hong Kong Club on Dec. 7.

Defendant was arrested by Mr. W. L. Ramsay, resident at the second floor of Hong Kong Hotel, when defendant was acting in a suspicious manner. Further enquiries by the Police revealed that defendant was also responsible for the other thefts.

After passing sentence, Mr. Sainsbury recommended that defendant should be banished. Sub-Inspector Davies prosecuted.

## SENTENCED

At the end of the Criminal Sessions yesterday, three Chinese who earlier pleaded guilty to respective charges were brought before Sir Henry Blackall, Chief Justice, for sentence.

Chan Kwan-ping was sentenced to seven years' hard labour for assaulting with intent to rob and for the possession of arms and ammunition.

Wong Wai and Lo Yan were each given four years' hard labour for the possession of arms and ammunition.

## ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Latest arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel include:— J. B. Smith, M. W. Strong, Mrs. C. R. Anderson, Mrs. C. T. Strecker, Anthony Brooke, J. A. Douglas and Miss R.A.C. Edwards.

Departures from the Peninsula:— Mrs. J. Holdsworth, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Clark, W. E. Allen, A. A. Dorland and J. M. Hume.

Passengers who left for Manila yesterday by the m.v. "Tildane" include: Y. Kintoch, Mrs. Lantini, Paul Otto Rati, Erwin Hoffer, Mrs. L. Lutz, Mrs. Jean Holdsworth and Miss C. Kernal. Mr. Henry Sloan was a passenger for Macassar.









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## CHINA COASTAL SHIPPING

No reason has been adduced for the decision by the Chinese Government to close the principal ports of North China to foreign shipping, perhaps because there is no reason that can be adequately justified. Presumably, it purports to fall into line with the recent restrictions upon imports, inasmuch as the purpose could be to conserve China's foreign currency holdings. Such protection as might possibly be afforded is, however, so clearly more than offset by the interference with what is even now a mere trickle of exports that if no stronger case can be made out, it fails to stand up to the test. China's right to control her coastal shipping rights in her own way and at her own discretion, is today beyond argument. The criticism, which is apparently shared by Chinese business and banking circles in Shanghai, arises not from the decision to ban foreign shipping services in North China, but from the conviction that, imposed at this time, it will react not to China's benefit, but to her detriment. The understanding reception given by foreign firms to the import restrictions, serious as they are to many small concerns with outstanding commitments, derived from recognition of the fact that drastic steps were essential to reduce the heavy deficit in China's balance of payments. A necessary corollary was an intensive effort by the Chinese authorities to stimulate the export trade, with resort if necessary to subsidies. The latest order affecting foreign shipping represents the process in reverse, for the circumstances make it fairly certain that the export trade will further diminish in consequence. The campaign of Chinese shipping interests, keen to establish a complete monopoly of China's carrying trade would merit more sympathetic attention were they in a position to maintain services full and sufficient for all today's requirements. In point of fact, no attempt has been made to put up even the pretence that this is so. To parody another observer, "China's sovereignty ought to come to mean something more than the sovereign right to cut off her nose to spite her face."

## MR. BROOKE

London's explanation of the attempt to prevent Mr. Anthony Brooke from entering Sarawak affords no convincing reason why Hong Kong should be dragged into the contest. Neither does it indicate why Singapore's attitude should appear to be in direct conflict with the instructions sent to Hong Kong. In essence, it is a small affair, signifying nothing, at least as far as the local authorities are concerned. Unofficially, no doubt, they would be as glad to see Mr. Anthony Brooke leaving the Colony as the "Rajah Muda" would be to proceed on his way. Possibly, too, they would be inclined to agree that if they were to be inclined to agree that the political situation in Sarawak is such that his arrival there would enable him to demonstrate his convictions about freedom of choice, it is somewhat odd to find a British democratic and labour Government at so much pains to prohibit his entry. Be that as it may, it is surely not the responsibility of the Hong Kong Government to interfere, a point which the Singapore statement seems to emphasise. It rather looks as though we are on the wrong end of a process of passing the buck.

## AFRICANS OBJECT

Johannesburg, Dec. 19. The African National Congress has sent a message to Britain's King and Queen, asking them to stay away from the Union of South Africa, as long as non-Europeans do not enjoy freedom here. This was disclosed at a meeting of 500 Africans and Indians. The Transvaal Indian Congress has joined in agreeing to boycott the royal visit. The groups represent 90 per cent of South Africa's population. Associated Press.

## Nursery War Hasn't Started Yet

While reports from America say Junior is now playing his sister with such educational toys as the G.I. Joe Destroyer, war and post-war weapon development seem to have left the English nursery pretty cold.

The main reason is the current shortage of toys and materials for making toys. Although there are still not enough to meet demands there are more toys than last year, but more than three-quarters of the toy-maker's output is earmarked for export and ideas and blueprints, like some of those intended for "trimmer" purposes, are becoming obsolete before they go into production. Only in a few lines are children getting toys developed from 1939-45 weapons and in

By RICHARD ELLEY

these the air-minded child is streets better off than the one with nautical ideas or the very poor third whose passion is the Army.

For the future R.A.F. type there is a magnificent collection of build-your-own scale model aeroplanes, from the homely Wellington to the exotic Spitfire, the dashing Spitfire (Mark I and Mark II) to the sinister ME (109 and 110), the screaming Hellcat to the gentle Horsa glider, the fiery Typhoon to the stately Lysander, and before Christmas the range of jet-planes is expected to include the record-breaking Meteor. To accommodate these models, some of which fly, the enthusiast can buy banglers and other airfield fittings, including tables and chairs with aircrew taking tea.

The warship fancier can get plenty of model warships, many of which claim to be to scale, but few of them will sail, even in a bath-tub. They are mostly "waterline models," that is they stop short at the waterline. They range from finger-long, badly finished specimens to sleek, plastic, assembly-yourself scale models, the latest of which are Tribal and Javelin class destroyers, complete with guns, turrets, pom-poms, davits and searchlights which can be moved about to fit into a battlescene.

## A Jeep

But the would-be soldiers, if he wants to be up-to-date, will probably have to be content with a jeep this Christmas. Any way, it will be a good one because model jeeps, wooden or metal, pull-on-a-string or clockwork, all seem to be as sturdily built as their full-size prototypes and there are some very good pedal-car jeeps, complete with movable windscreen, spare-wheel and jerrycan, but like Daddy's new car—if he's got one—they are rather austere and they are a bit hard to sit on.

An American firm is putting scale-model tanks with movable turrets on the market; they are precision-made models of Sherman, Tiger, Churchill and others, costing from 6s. 6d. to 12s. 6d. and are very effective for staging battle-scenes, but the tanks don't turn and it is unlikely that there will be many on the market before Christmas. Toy soldiers will be completely absent from this year's stockings. The reason is that the Government just will not release lead to make toy soldiers for the home market. One of London's biggest toy shops reports that customers are not bothering them unduly for soldiers; instead, they are clamouring for electric trains and other mechanical toys which, like the soldiers, they can't have.

## Prewar Moods

There are one or two forts available, but they are pre-war models, in design a mixture of the medieval and the Foreign Legion types and not much use to the young man who wants to reconstruct the West Wall or the Mareth Line. And anyway, what's the use of a fort without soldiers to attack and defend it? The artillery expert can have a few guns, but they are pre-war models of field, siege and AA design and often of unspecified types. None the less, Daddy, they are better than the one you had when you were a boy because some not only shoot pellets right across the sitting-room, but fire a cup simultaneously, and have ingenious gadgets for fixing bearings and elevation. But if you want a 17-pounder or a 7.2 gun-how you'll just have to wait.

Another pre-war toy you can have is a searchlight which throws a strong beam from torch-battery juice. It's fun, especially if you can get grandfather to climb the beam round the room. War toys nearer lifelike are in very short supply. There are some tin swords

and some of those old theatrical daggers with blades that disappear into the handle, which an imaginative youngster might adapt as Commando knives. There are also a few crude wooden sub-machine guns, but no rifles or nice new things like bazookas.

## The Library

The nursery library has acquired little from World War II. You can find one or two books such as "Calling All Arms" (with 150 illustrations) and a boys' book on the naval war then "Little Allies (Fairy and folk tales) of 14 nations" and "Soviets" seem to owe something to recent history, but generally the old stuff about fairies, animals and adventurous boys and girls goes on in much the same way.

Warlike jig-saw puzzles are almost none. In a large collection I saw only two that had anything to do with the Services. Among games of the thirties, "Snakes and Ladders" and "Monopoly," where I felt pretty sure of seeing an "Alamo" or "Normandy" or "Battle of Britain," I was told there was nothing to sell that wasn't there to sell in 1939.

Even the conjuror's section of a big shop, which should have been a certainty for Radar and Atomic tricks, there was nothing of the sort. True, there is an Atomic Rope Trick, but it is just a better way of doing the cut-rope that mysteriously becomes whole-again business, also, advertised under heading of "Spring Goods" were advertised "Strings of Sausages (Self Locking)" which might have received some inspiration from the immortal soda link. But I was told that most of the new ideas were pigeon-holed because manufacturers simply couldn't get around to making the essential gadgets.

Keeping the war out of the nursery may or may not be a good thing, but it is a little hard on Father, when he wants to demonstrate just how things were when he won his 1939-45 Star.

## Jap. Policy Approved

London, Dec. 19. The Minister of State, Mr. Hector McNeill, backed up occupation policy in Japan yesterday in the Commons. To a question whether "reactionary and treacherous" elements were regaining control, Mr. McNeill observed that the Japanese Government was elected by a Democratic process and said, "It would be unnecessary to interfere with this Democratic process to cause the Allied Council to intervene."

Asked if industry is being restored to relatives of former owners, he said that "proper care" has been taken in dealing with persons once associated with the military regime. Associated Press.

## The Law On Treasure Trove

In the last six years two great finds of ancient treasure in Britain have drawn public attention to the question of national and private rights in such matters. Both discoveries were made in East Anglia, in the county of Suffolk. A great Anglo-Saxon galley was excavated at Sutton Hoo, on the Deben Estuary. Amidships in the burial chamber lay a mass of weapons, gold personal ornaments and silver dishes. In 1946 it became known that a great hoard of 4th century Roman silver, now known as the Mildenhall Treasure, had been discovered in 1922 at West Row village near the town of Mildenhall.

## Coroner To Be Told

England's law is that when finds of gold or silver are made the local coroner must be informed. He must hold an inquest on the nature of the discovery, in much the same way as he must hold an inquiry into the nature of a death of a human being which has occurred in unusual circumstances. Any person who wilfully conceals the discovery of such a "discovery," is breaking the law. The coroner has to determine whether the find is treasure, that is whether it is gold or silver, whether it was concealed by someone who intended to return for it, whether the owner is known who found it and whether any attempt was made to conceal the find.

The second point may be a matter of considerable difficulty. In the case of the Sutton Hoo find it was clear that whether any actual human being had

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



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## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

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S 4 4 3  
H 8 6 3  
D A K 6 3  
C 10 8 5 4  
S A K 7 2  
H 5 2  
D Q J 10 8  
C K J 6  
S 5 6 3  
H A J 7  
D 9 5 4 2  
C A Q 9 7  
S Q J 10 8 5  
H K Q 10 9 4  
D 7  
C 8 2

(Dealer: South, East-West vulnerable.)  
South West North East  
1S Dbl Pass 3D  
2H D Pass 3D  
3S Pass Dbl Pass  
4S Pass Dbl Pass  
5S Pass Dbl Pass  
6S Pass Dbl Pass  
7S Pass Dbl Pass  
8S Pass Dbl Pass  
9S Pass Dbl Pass  
10S Pass Dbl Pass  
11S Pass Dbl Pass  
12S Pass Dbl Pass

## Tomorrow's Problem

S K 9  
H A K 6 5  
D 10  
C A 8 8 2  
S Q 4 2  
H Q J 10 8  
D J 9 3 2  
C Q 6  
S 5 6 3  
H A J 7  
D 9 5 4 2  
C A Q 9 7  
S Q J 10 8 5  
H K Q 10 9 4  
D 7  
C 8 2

(Dealer: South, North-South vulnerable.)  
If West leads the heart Q against South's 4-Spades, the K winning, why should South not then discard a club on the heart A?

## SPENDING THE LOAN

By RANDOLPH CHURCHILL

What are the British going to do with the money? Why do they want so much? This was the first difficult question directed at the sponsors of the American loan to Britain during its stormy passage through Congress. Bernard M. Baruch was the most influential of the critics. On one occasion, in 1945, when he was visiting England as the personal representative of President Roosevelt, Mr. Baruch asked this very question at a meeting of the British Cabinet, which he had been invited to attend. The reply he got was far from comprehensive.

Let us see, then, how Britain has made use of the loan. Out of the total \$3,750,000,000 available, she has so far drawn only \$400,000,000. And it is estimated that she will draw another \$150,000,000 by the end of this year.

## Raw Materials

Some of the money admittedly has been used to maintain the already reduced wartime rationing of the British people. But the greater part of the credit so far drawn has been spent on raw materials, such as petrol, cotton and steel, to supply Britain's industries. With these raw materials available to her, Britain will remain her position as a solvent nation, will be able to earn her daily bread and, by no means least important, will be in a position to pay the interest on the loan and, eventually, to repay the capital.

Though it has been disappointing for the British public that there has been no improvement in the standard of living, and though there are complaints about President of the Board of Trade, Sir Stafford Cripps' policy of "austerity for austerity's sake," there is no doubt that Chancellor of the Exchequer Hugh Dalton's policy is much to be applauded. And though the Labour Government can be criticized on many scores, it deserves praise for resisting the temptation to gain easy popularity by using the loan to purchase the extra food and manufactured goods which have been absent from the British market for so long.

## More Than Needed?

But if Britain has used so little of the loan up till now, does that not show that it was more than she needed? The answer is that there are nations all over the sterling area with huge credits in London, which must somehow be met. And in spite of the success of Britain's export drive, she has so far only been able to satisfy these creditors to a very limited extent. The loan, however, puts her in a much stronger position.

It is as if an individual, sorely pressed by his creditors, succeeded in raising a substantial loan from his bank. Once this fact is known, his creditors immediately become more patient; and in the breathing space thus afforded him, he can reorganize his business and set himself up in a solid basis once more. So it is with Britain. The Empire is an enormous trading concern which, though far from being bankrupt, is temporarily financially embarrassed. If anyone in the United States fears that the British are luxuriating on American charity, let him go to England and see for himself. He will find the diet worse, if anything, than during the war years; and even the minor conveniences of life are conspicuous by their absence. It is steel and cotton-machinery tools and tractors that Britain is buying from America; not refrigerators and automobiles, nylon stockings and radios. The British people accept this state of affairs as a tribute to their character, and bode well for the future of Britain as a great world power.

Important for it is now the custom of England to recompense the finder with the estimated market value of the find itself. The find becomes the property of the State, but the finder is rewarded monetarily for his discovery. In this case the market value is difficult to estimate, but it must approach thousands of pounds sterling. With the final point, however, that the finder is not to be paid, which would no doubt affect this question of payment to the finder in the old days of the treasure. This point is

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# U.S. STATEMENT ON CHINA

## Truman Reaffirms Support Of Chiang

### Non-Interference Pledge

Washington, Dec. 18. United States support for the Government of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was reaffirmed today by President Harry Truman in a declaration of policy towards China.

The President recalled his statement, made a year ago, affirming recognition of the Chinese National Government, and added: "The views then expressed by this Government are valid today."

The Presidential statement of four thousand words, expressing regret that unity had not yet been achieved in China, declared:

"We are ready to help China as she moves towards peace and a genuine democratic government."

It pointed out that \$500,000,000 is still being held earmarked for China by the American Export and Import Bank, and said that the United States was prepared to consider aid to economic reconstruction and reform "when conditions in China improve."

Reiterating the pledge not to interfere in China's internal affairs, President Truman stated:

## Position Clear

"Our position is clear. While avoiding involvement in their civil strife, we shall persevere with our policy of helping the Chinese people bring about peace and economic recovery in their country."

The United States Forces in China, the President revealed, had been reduced from a peak of 113,000 last year to under 12,000 today, and he promised that the strength will be further reduced.

In his account of General George C. Marshall's "peace mission," the President said that the five-star General had stayed on in China because he knew the seriousness of the problem and how important it was to reach a solution.

"The plan for political unification agreed to last February is sound," the President said. "The plan for military unification has been made difficult of implementation by the progress of fighting since April, but the

general principles involved are fundamentally sound.

## Realistic Policy

"China is a sovereign nation. We recognize the fact and we recognize the National Government of China."

"We continue to hope that the Government will find a peaceful solution. We believe our hopes for China are identical with what the Chinese people themselves most earnestly desire."

"We shall therefore continue our positive and realistic policy towards China based on full respect for her sovereignty and on our traditional friendship for the Chinese people, which is designed to promote international peace," President Truman stated.—Reuter.

## IRAN ELECTIONS

Teheran, Dec. 18. The Government announced that Parliamentary elections will be held throughout Iran beginning on Saturday.

The announcement was made as Government troops completed occupation of towns along the Iran-Russian frontier and launched a patrol on the Soviet border.—United Press.

## Horror Stories Of Women's Camp

Hamburg, Dec. 18.

A group of gypsies, including a nine-year-old girl, were sterilised and left writhing on the floor in agony at Ravensbruck women's camp, a French woman witness named Violette Le Cob declared at the resumption of the camp trial today.

Sixteen members of the camp staff are accused of ill-treatment of Allied nationals.

Describing other "horrible medical experiments carried out by the camp doctors, Violette said that Doctor Treit, one of the accused, cut a woman's arm from the armpit to the wrist and left it unbanded with the tissues hanging down over the finger nails.

She accused Dorothea Binz, the chief wardress, of setting her dog on a Russian woman who had torn her arm off.

Carmen Mory, one of the accused, screamed: "She is telling lies from beginning to end by thousands."

## Reign Of Terror

The Judge-Advocate reminded Mory she had interrupted the court on Saturday in similar fashion when she shouted "Liar" at a witness, and if she did it again she would be removed and the trial would continue in her absence.

The German counsel apologised and said he had little influence over her.

Violette, continuing her evidence, said the selections for the gas chamber caused a reign of terror in the camp and women were half mad with fear when the lorries arrived.

The Judge-Advocate, Mr. C.L. Stirling, asked if evidence about the operation of the gas chamber would be called. The Prosecutor, Major Stephen Stewart, replied: "Unfortunately no, as very few people left it alive. The only evidence came from the accused."

## Nerves Frayed

After lunch Mory's counsel again apologised for her behaviour and explained that her

nerves were frayed "after eight years' imprisonment." The counsel for Dr. Treit, one of the accused, said that two other doctors at the camp were not in dock and he felt that in their absence the prosecution witnesses were blaming everything on Treit. Their whereabouts was unknown to the defence or the prosecution, but he asked that every effort should be made to apprehend them.

Major Stewart assured him that every effort was being made. The court then adjourned.—Reuter.

## THE LOW ON TREASURE TROVE

(Continued from Page 4)

medieval England anyone who concealed a treasure which he had found was regarded as a traitor. "Concealment of treasure trove" said the law, "is akin to treason." Had the finders of the Mildenhall treasure concealed their find? They had found it in 1942 and it was not declared till 1946.

We have already mentioned that discoveries of table plate are quite common around the margins of the Fens. Not many years ago a set of pewter dishes and bowls had been found in an old course of a fen river, near West Row in Isleham Fen. Another larger set had been found at Icklingham. The finders of the Mildenhall treasure were asked by the coroner what they thought the metal was which they had discovered. One replied that he

## M.P. Vice Squads Offend

Hamburg, Dec. 18.

Raids by British military police vice squads on Hamburg streets, cafes and waterfront "dives" have been stopped temporarily after Hamburg mothers had protested that respectable women and even school children had been roped in and held overnight for medical examination.

Hamburg's only woman senator, Frau Paul Karpinski, said today: "Your British policemen are nice young men, but unfortunately they are unable to tell the difference between good girls and bad."

Frau Karpinski, who has brought protests before the Hamburg City Council and the Regional Commissioner, Henry Vaughan Berez, claimed one woman member of the Council had been taken from the street by a British military policeman during a vice raid.

It has now been decided to withdraw the vice squads experimentally for two months.

The British military police have taken into custody more than 500 women per month—20 per cent of whom have been found to be infected with venereal disease.—Reuter.

## No Income Tax For Malaya

Singapore, Dec. 19.

Malaya has escaped its first post-war income tax—probably for at least another year.

Income tax was proposed by the Singapore Financial Secretary in his budget recommendations for 1947. He recommended it be imposed if the Malayan Union (which includes all of Malaya except the island of Singapore) levied a similar tax.

But the proposed budget for the Union contained no such suggestion and the Union Governor, Sir Edward Gent, said the tax should not be considered until an income tax expert now en route here from England had studied the situation and made his recommendations.

Meanwhile in Singapore, considerable public opposition to the proposal had developed, particularly among the Chinese Community. The Colony's Advisory Council approved a revised budget from which income tax was omitted.—Associated Press.

thought it was pewter or lead. The other said he believed it to have been pewter, because such things were often found in the neighbourhood. The coroner's jury decided that there had been no attempt at concealment.

The question of "treasure trove" concerns archaeologists for if a treasure is found in the actual man who first discovers it who is legally the finder. In an excavation it is the workman who digs up the hoard of coins who is the finder and not the archaeologist who sets him to work. This has been put to the test of law in the case of a find of treasure made during an official excavation on a Roman site in Northumberland.

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# CHOU EN-LAI FORECASTS CHANGES IN CHINA

Yenan, Dec. 19.  
Chou En-lai, China's No. 2 Communist and the Party's chief negotiator, predicted today that new and vigorous elements in the Kuomintang would rise soon out of the underground to throw off the yoke of the extreme Rightist leadership.

When that time comes, Chou said in an exclusive interview, other Democratic and Left Wing elements of China would join to achieve a solid progressive front.

"The Communists will have broken the back of the Kuomintang military offensive in six months," Chou said, "and within a year there will be sweeping changes effective in China's overall governmental and economic structure."

In a four hour interview Chou said he received no reaction either from Gen. George C. Marshall, President Harry S. Truman's Special envoy, or from Chiang Kai-shek to his recent telegram outlining the two points the Communists consider necessary before resumption of negotiations.

These are abolition of the National Assembly and the return of

troops to their Jan. 13 positions.

## Red Offensive

He expressed the belief the Government would be unable to start an effective offensive in Manchuria because of the insufficiency of reserves and the necessity of concentrating military efforts elsewhere.

Chou said the aim of the Communist military campaigns within the next few months is to restore the Jan. 13 positions but that Yenan would not feel the obligation was limited to this.

He declared that should Chiang's Government accede to the Com-

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The Observations Romano said yesterday that the Pope would, at that time, receive the Christmas greetings of the Princes and High Prelates of the Catholic Church in Rome.

The Pope's message will be broadcast by Vatican Radio beginning at 1000 GMT.

Associated Press.

munist wishes and form a coalition Government. The Reds are "fully prepared" to evacuate their troops from Harbin, Taitshar, Chetso and elsewhere.

Chou suggested a close watch on Shanghai this winter. Recent strikes there were "nearly certain" to what will follow as thousands, driven by hunger and desperation begin to protest, he said.

## U.S. Criticised

Chou declared the civil war was not of the Communists' choosing but was "forced on us by the Kuomintang's four families, Chiang, Soong, Chen and Kung who have no other method of safeguarding their enormous wealth."

He predicted that if the United States follows the present policy she soon would be isolated among the family of nations. The United States, Chou said, while boasting so proudly of its democracy, was singularly unwilling to see this form of Government disseminated in the Far East. He declared the United States should recall her own days of struggle for freedom with a feeling of shame if she failed China at this critical moment.

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# Princess Elizabeth Rumours

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Rumours that she will marry Prince Philip of Greece must therefore be regarded as premature.

Under the Royal Marriages Act of 1772—passed to guard against undesirable marriages that might affect the succession to the throne—no member of the Royal Family may marry without permission of the King, and the King as a constitutional monarch acts only with the advice of his Ministers.

An exception is made for members of the Royal Family who are 25 or older. They may marry without consent, provided they give the Privy Council a year's notice and Parliament, during this year, does not disapprove of the marriage. Princess Elizabeth will not be 21 until next April.

A Government source said that it had been assured "very recently" by Admiral Viscount Mountbatten, Prince Philip's uncle, that there was "nothing to" reports of an engagement although Lord Mountbatten had been described as "strongly favouring his nephew's marriage to the future Queen."

Some objections to Prince Philip as Royal Consort have been voiced in Left Wing circles on the ground that he would "form a link with the Greek Royalist Government."

Associated Press.

## Britain To Help Austria

London, Dec. 19.

Britain has decided to make a substantial contribution by way of relief assistance to Austria, after the termination of UNRRA, including grants and credits up to £3,500,000, and also a guaranteed commercial credit of £1,500,000 for the purchase of raw wool.

Announcing this in the House of Commons today, Mr. Hector McNeill, Minister of State, said the Government desired Austria to stand on her own feet at the earliest possible moment.

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